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#### YELLOW FEVER RAVAGES THERE.

Prisoners Nursed Their Captors -Dr. Mudd in Charge.

The Sick Carried Away in Boats With the Coffins to Hold Their Bodies When They Succumbed-Cruelties Forgot in the General Alarm-Then, With a Change of Captors, Came Renewed Suffering-Col. Grenfell Escaped With a Deserting Soldier-Visit of a Notary Seeking to Implicate President Johnson in the Abduction.

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In the brief space of a month after the killing of Winters our small island and inclosure were visited by yellow fever. It made fearful ravages among the limited number stationed there, sweeping nearly every officer at the post away. It struck from earth our best officers and permitted the heartless ones to recover, to repeat again, I suppose, more of their cruelties upon humanity under their command. The ways of Providence are mysterious, and no doubt it was done for some good and wise

Among the first to succumb to the dread disease was Brevet Major J. Sim Smith, Surgeon in charge. Dr. Smith, on his arrival at the post, which was but a few months before, corrected in various instances the abuse and reigning terrors which abounded

kindness, a gentleman by birth and culture the soldiers' and prisoners' friend and protector, and his memory lives in the mind and the heart of all by whom he was then surrounded as all that was good, pure, upight and noble.

He worked with untiring zeal while the ver raged, until the fatal malady struck im down upon the bed of sickness, where he lingered but three days and died. He received every attention from Dr. Mudd. who, at that period, had charge.

Mrs. Smith was lying in an adjacent room, sick with the fever. Dr. Mudd paid her every attention and worked unfalteringly to save her life. His efforts were crowned with success and she recovered from the disease. During the period of the sickness of Dr. Smith and family there was neither an officer nor an officer's wife that came near them to administer to their wants, their cases devolving upon the care of Dr. Mudd, and faithfully did he perform all that lay within his power.

In a short time the fever proved epidemic, and men could be seen falling down in every section of the fort, as the dread malady seized them. When in former times officers were parading about devising plans wherewith to terture the soldiers and prisoners nothing was seen or heard of them, they keeping themselves closely closeted, a pall like unto death seemingly hanging over the ffi ers' quarters. Fear was depicted upon he countenance of every one on the island, each looking for his turn next.

Two of the companies were removed to the adjacent islands, thereby being saved from the fever's fearful ravages. Two companies were retained to guard the fort and prison-The prisoners had to stand the brunt of the fever, their only safety being in an overruling Providence. Out of the fiftytwo prisoners confined there but two died, whereas the garrison lost in officers and men, thirty-seven.

COFFINS AND SICK IN ONE BOAT. Men at first, when taken sick, were carried to the small key termed Sand Key, upon which a small temporary shed had been erected as a hospital, the commanding officer thinking thereby to prevent the garrison from being infected.

Sick patients, seated in a small boat, were conveyed over, confronted by coffins which were piled up in the bow of the boat. This of itself was sufficient to cause alarm, and even to kill the faint-hearted, of whom there were quite a number collected on that small area of seven and a half acres.

With but few exceptions those who were conveyed to the key in the small boat fell victims to the disease, and are buried be-neath the sandy soil. When Dr. Mudd was given charge he stated to the commanding officer that it would be advisable to discondinue this practice; that the fever was in our midst, and that it could not be dislodged until the poison had expended itself, advising that all cases be brought to and treated at the hospital. This was acceded to, and, from his manner of treatment in the disease, a great change was soon to be

From this period until the arrival from Key West of Dr. Whitehurst everything was progressing favorably, nodeath occurring. Dr. Whitehurst, perfectly conversant with the mode of treatment, he having had immense practice in the disease, approved Dr. Mudd's manner of treatment, and it was continued throughout the period the fever raged in our midst. The fever began to assume a more virulent type, and in spite of the untiring exertion of both began to make sad inroads into our numbers.

PEAR MITIGATED CRUELTIES. Every one now thought of self alone There was no respect shown by the attendants, they being soldier staken from different companies, to either the dead or the dying. No sooner had the breath left the body that it was coffined and hurried over to its last resting place, there being a boat, with a crew, detailed as the burying party, always awaiting.

In many instances coffins were brought into the hospital and placed alongside the bed to receive the body of some one expected to die, and had to be removed again, the patient still tenaciously clinging to

Men less sick were startled viewing these proceedings, it having a tendency to cause their own condition to become worse. During the terrible ordeal of the fever the garrison kept itself, duties being neglected by both officers and soldiers.

During its progress the island assumed different aspect. The island, which bebeen anything else it could be compared with, suddenly became calm, quiet and peaceful. Fear stood out upon the face of every human being.

HEROISM OF DR. MUDD. Some attempted to assume the tone of gayety and indifference, but upon their faces

two months the fever raged in our midst,

reating havoc among those dwelling there. During this time Dr. Mudd was never idle He worked both day and night, and was always at post, faithful to his calling, relieving the sufferings of humanity as far as laid within his power. The fever having abated through the want of more subjects, a contract physician from New York arrived at the post and relieved Dr. Whitehurst of his duties. When the new doctor took charge there were but two or three sick, and they were in a state of convalescence. Soon thereafter Dr. Mudd was taken down with the fever in his quarters, and during the entire period of his illness was never visited by the New York doctor, the surgeon in charge he rewaining elected in his room.

in charge, he remaining closeted in his room.

The only medical treatment received by Dr. Mudd during his illness was administered at the hands of Spangler and myself.

True, neither of us knew much about the disease or its treatment, all the experience at the remaining desired experience.

disease or its treatment, all the experience either possessed being derived from observation during its prevalence, and the mode of treatment having been learned from personal experience in the nursing of patients under our charge.

Dr. Mudd was watched over by us both day and night in turns. We adopted the same method of treatment in his case as had been administered by him in ours, through which he happilly recovered. He through which he happily recovered. He stated upon his recovery that had it not been for our care and watchfulness he would have died, and thanked each of us in un-measured terms for our friendly considera-

PRISONERS NURSED THEIR JAILORS.

Dr. Mudd had worked during the prevalence of the yellow fever with an unfaltering zeal, until nature was well nigh exhausted, relieving in every way at his command and knowledge the sufferings of humanity; but when afflicted himself he was left entirely to the mercies of his God and the limited knowledge of his two companions, which fact had the appearance of a desire for his death on the part of those at the head of affairs.

We felt from the first that we had been transported to Dry Tortugas to fall victims to the many dreadful poisons of malaria generated in that climate. Happily, we lived through it all, and I am permitted to give to the world at large some inkling of the many wrongs, tortures and sufferings inflicted upon us during the period of nearly four long years of exile.

In the menth of October, 1867, the fever having exhausted itself and finally stamped out, and with it, to a great extent, the harsh PRISONERS NURSED THEIR JAILORS.

having exhausted itself and finally stamped out, and with it, to a great extent, the harsh and rigorous measures which had here-tofore been adopted in the manner of our imprisonment, some of the privileges which we had taken during its prevalence were curtailed, but for the most part the others were not countermanded by the officer in command.

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coffined and borne to their last resting place by the prisoners of the post, no respect being shown by the other officers. Even wives were carried in like manner to the grave, the husband remaining in his

A NOTARY PUBLIC APPEARS.

Everything went on smoothly after the fever until the month of December, 1867, when there arrived upon the island a notary public, purporting to be from the State of Florida. His business at first was unknown, as it frequently happened that strangers came into our midst on a visit to the commanding officer.

His business, however, was soon made known to us. We were ordered separately to his presence, and found he was one of the commissioners appointed by the Congressional committee to investigate into the particulars connected with the assassination of President Lincoln. A NOTARY PUBLIC APPEARS

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Letters were shown us as coming from Benjamin F. Butler authorizing the notary to obtain our voluntary statements, &c.

We were forced into his presence—did not go voluntarily—accompanied by an armed guard.

When I was sent for by him and seated he handed me his credentials to peruse, which I carefully did. I returned them to him, stating that I knew nothing concerning the business he was upon; that a statement of all the facts that I knew of had been placed in the hands of the Government upon my arrest, and that the Government upon my arrest, and that the Government was perfectly conversant with all the knowledge that I possessed, and, from my trial, knew more than I or any one else did supposed to be connected therewith, and refused to make any further statement.

MATERIAL AGAINST JOHNSON SOUCHT.

After diligent search it was found that Grenfell and others were missing, and on looking into the boom they realized the means of accomplishing it. Norreil had deserted his post, carrying his gun and equipment with him.

Everything remained quiet during the remainder of the night, but the next morning the fort within was all bustle and preparation for pursuit. There was a steamer lying in the harbor at the time, the commander of which readily consented to go on the search, and about 8 o'clock she steamed out after the escaped party

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I informed him that he was a stranger to me; that he might be as base as those who had already dealt with me; that I did not trust him or any other man, stating that a burnt child dreaded the fire. He told me to consider it, and I was dismissed and sent to my quarters. After conversing with my roommate over the matter we each arrived at the conclusion that it could do no harm to us, nor the living nor the dead, and concluded to conform to his request.

request.

I called, however, upon the commanding officer, Major George P. Andrews, and stated my situation to him. I told him that I was a prisoner under his charge, and as such demanded his protection. He told me that I should have it, and, thus feeling safe. I gave a statement of similar purport as that first made.

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During its writing the notary held out buring its writing the notary held out every inducement to cause not only myself, but the others, to swear falsely, stating that if he could implicate any others we would be released from our imprisonment and carried to Washington as witnesses. His advent was about the time of the attempted impeachment of Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, and his visit alone was to attempt to cause us to visit alone was to attempt to cause us to falsely implicate Andrew Johnson in the assassination.

THREAT TO SHOOT ARNOLD.

There was a great deal of unpleasantness pervading our interviews, and high words followed when he wished me to append my signature to an affidavit drawn up by himself. Throughout my statement he attempted to place his construction apon it, and obliterated my writings, until finally I requested to be informed whether he came to write my statement himself or did he come to obtain mine.

I refused to sign my name to his affidavit as drawn up by himself, stating that it THREAT TO SHOOT ARNOLD.

I refused to sign my name to his affidavit as drawn up by himself, stating that it inferred that of which I knew nothing. He handed it to Major Andrews, who was seated in the room, to read. The Major could not see it in the same light that I did, stating that it was all correct, &c.

Seeing that neither justice nor protection would be given me. I stated that I would not sign it, and if he was not satisfied I would destroy that which I had written and end the interview; that I asked alone for my rights and protection in them from the commanding officer.

Major Andrews immediately rose up and spoke thus:

spoke thus:
"Sir, I will take you out on the parade grounds and shoot you."
I replied: "I am your prisoner, Major; you certainly can do with me as you please, and if you deem you have the authority to shoot me, all that is left me, sir, I suppose, is to stand it."

FORCE TO GET SWORN STATEMENTS. I was not shot, however, neither did I sign my name to the affidavit, but wrote out I was not shot, however, neither did I sign my name to the affidavit, but wrote out one that suited my way of thinking, also wrote my own statement without the notary's assistance, and in the end complied with his request, giving him my statement. I was quite ill before I had completed it, and was annoyed by his man until he nearly worried me to death, the surgeon repeatedly cautioning him not to visit me in my low condition. He came in spite of all these things, Col. Grenfell writing my expressions down for me, my condition being such that I was unable to raise my head from my pillow. The same was likely wise done to the others, and he left the post much disappointed, as I afterward learned from some of my friends in Key West.

After he had left the post we were informend through reliable authority that he was armed with the power in case we refused upon bread and water, whereas by his papers exhibited to us he was to obtain our voluntary statements. There was nothing voluntary upon our part throughout the sign my name to the affidavit and included white satin sachets and white soutonnières.

I was quite ill before I had completed it, and was annoyed by this man until he enearly worried me to death, the surgeon restanding that it should always be hung with the American flag, was draped over where she stood in the ballroom.

After the reception an elaborate supper was served and dancing followed. Among the members of the chapter present were firs. William W. Childs, Mrs. John S. Billings, Mrs. J. J. Crawford, Mrs. Jefferson Davis, Mrs. E. S. Gaillard, A. B. Billings, Mrs. J. J. Crawford, Mrs. Jefferson Davis, Mrs. E. S. Gaillard, Mrs. Hugh R. Garden, Mrs. L. R. Green, Mrs. Amory Lamb and Mrs. F. H. Lane.

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Billings, Mrs. J. J. Crawford, Mrs. L. R. Green, Mrs. Musle Salis Wulden Pell. To East Fifty-fourth street gave a dinner cance at Sherry'

could be read traces of other feelings. For | whole affair, but force in every instance was used and threats made, besides the in-ducements held out to swear falsely in the

> HELL AGAIN FOR THE PRISONERS. vising measures to make prisoners uncomfortable and imprisonment more galling.
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> As soon as the new commander assumed
> the reins of power the tendency to persecute Grenfell became apparent, it having
> been stated to me by Major Andrews,
> before departure, that his successor felt
> very bitter toward Grenfell on account very bitter toward Grenfell on account of the article published by him, it nearly being the means of his dismissal from the

When the provost marshal found pris-oners contented and obedient, some new order was issued to awaken them from order was issued to awaken them from it. He picked as provost guards the most contemptible men of the garrison, who abused, cursed, struck and maltreated the prisoners under their charge in every conceivable manner.

GRENFELL PLANS TO ESCAPE. Col. Grenfell finding, as he afterward expressed to me, that they had started upon him to kill him inch by inch, determined to attempt escape at all hazards, preferring, as he said, a watery grave to the indication in a superior of the indication.

preferring, as he said, a watery grave to the indignities imposed upon him.

Grenfell at this time had charge of the small garden lately made within the inclosure of the fort. The Major, on assuming command, relieved Grenfell from this duty, and placed the old man at the heaviest work that was to be done. Each day was productive of changes and each change bred a worse condition.

Finding persecution setting gradually in upon him more and more, Grenfell went cautiously to work with others and soon succeeded in making arrangements to es-

succeeded in making arrangements to es-cape. There was a soldier by the name of William Norreil who had received very harsh treatment and was anxious to desert. With this man Grenfell formed his plans, in combination with another soldier of the same company.

SAILED AWAY IN THE NIGHT. On the night of March 6, 1868, their plans were completed. Norriil was a sentinel on Post No. 2, guarding the small boats within the boom. At 10 o'clock at night he went on duty, and Grenfell, with three other prisoners, succeeded in eluding the sentinel within the fort, making their way to the northwesterly side, letting themselves down through one of the portholes into the moat, thence to the breakwater wall, where they walked to the apwater wall, where they walked to the ap-pointed rendezvous, arranging all the nec-essary articles of food and water for their

essary articles of food and water for their perilous undertaking.

The night was pitch dark and a furious gale raged at the time, which had existed for six consecutive days. Never did men venture on a more perilous undertaking. The white-capped waves rose even within our sheltered harber to fearful heights, but beyond in the Gulf, during the day, they reached the mountain heights.

The sentinel waited until 1 o'clock was called and then embarked with Grenfell

alled and then embarked with Grenfell and the others in a small boat picked out for the purpose, and soon, with sail set, fled from their ocean-bound home. No one as yet, outside of my roommates and myself knew anything about it. The hour of 12 arrived, when the sentinel on Post No. 1 cried out the hour. No sound came from Post No. 2. No. 1 again cried out the hour, and yet we sound from Post No. 2. hour, and yet no sound from Post No. 2. VANISHED OVER THE BEA.

The corporal, with a witness, advanced stealthily upon the post, expecting, no doubt, to find the sentinel asleep, a subject for court-martial. Behold his amazement when no sentinel could be found. He forth-with returned to the guardhouse, reported the fact to the sergeant, who in turn re-ported to the officer of the day. Soon there was a commotion all through the fort, men hurrying here and there in search of

men hurrying here and there in search of the missing man, and then to the prisoners' quarters in search, being assured that an escape had taken place.

After diligent search it was found that Grenfell and others were missing, and on looking into the boom they realized the means of accomplishing it. Norreil had de-serted his post, carrying his gun and equip-ment with him.

cruising nearly the entire day they failed to hear or see anything of the escaped party and the steamer returned into the harbor

To be continued to-morrow.

"GENERAL PEANUTS" IS DEAD. Two-Foot Circus Clown and No One Knows His Right Name. The police of the East Twenty-second

street station called up the Coroner's office yesterday afternoon in a hurry to report sudden death at 207 East Fourteenth "Go ahead," said Record Clerk John Murray.

"At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon," came voice, "General Peanuts---"

"Hold up, hold up, I can't catch that "At 1:39 o'clock this afternoon General

Peanuts, aged 38, died suddenly at 207 East Fourteenth street," repeated the voice from the police station. Murray

is known by and I'll spell it for you—G-e-ne-r-a-l P-e-a-n-u-t-s." "Well, if you say so it goes," grumbled

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"Gen. Peanuts" had traveiled for a number of years with Barnum's circus, but lately had been with Forepaugh & Sells. He was only 2 feet 1 inch high and appeared as a midget poticeman. He left the circus in New Orleans a month ago, and came to the city, taking a room with John Oakley, another circus performer, who is at present playing in Boston. The midget, who was a Japanese, was not known by any other name than "General Peanuts."

He was seen about 11 o'clock yesterday morning by Charles Monford, who manages the house. Mr. Monford went to the midget's room later and found him dead. An ambulance surgeon said that death was probably due to heart disease.

It is thought that Oakley knows "Gen. Peanuts's" right name. He has been telegraphed to and will, it is said, take charge of the funeral arrangements.

CONFEDERATE DAUGHTERS BALL A Brilliant Function at Delmonico's Under the Stars and Bars.

The New York Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, gave a brilliant reception and ball last night at Delmonico's. The guests were received by the president, Mrs. J. H. Parker, assisted by the former president, Mrs. E. S. Gaillard. A large silk Confederate flag, presented to the

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Justice Marean told Mr. Bimbaum that he was willing to allow him to go on the witness stand and exonerate himself. Lawyer Bimbaum then took the stand and made a clear and straightforward He was severely cross-examined by Henry Yonge of counsel for the railway com-pany. After the ordeal Mr. Bimbaum was

pany. After the ordeal Mr. Bimbaum was congratulated by many of the lawyers who were present on his convincing statement, which apparently completely exonerates him of any possible charge of collusion.

Former Assistant Corporation Counsel Luke D. Stapleton, counsel for the railway company, asked the Court that the testimony of two of the witnesses for Kelly, Murphy and Burns be sent to the District Attorney. He also asked that the plaintiff, Kelly, be held for the Grand Jury.

The Court told Mr. Stapleton that if he would prepare an information he would sign it as a committing Magistrate.

The case was then dismissed on an order from Justice Marean that it be non-suited. Lawyer Henry Yonge said after the close of the case that thelend was not yet.

"We have only made a beginning in this case," he said. "There are other developments to follow."

Soldiers' Home Quarantined. NEGWAUREE, Wis., Dec. 17.-Twenty-five nundred inmates of the National Soldiers' Home have been put under quarantine by the Milwaukee Health Department because Veteran Jones was found to be suffering with smallpox. Dr. Chrysler, the home "Oh, come off, don't be fooling," said surgeon, immediately set his corps of assistants to work vaccinating all the soldiers and it will be some time before the veterans are seen on the streets of Milwaukee again. Every precaution against the spread of the disease has been taken by the officials of the home.

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STREET RAILWAY DEAL. Syracuse Company Gets Control of the Oswego Traction Company.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 17 .- W. P. Gannon. president, and E. G. Connette, manager, f the Syracuse Rapid Transit Railway Company, returned from New York to-day and announced that they had closed a deal with C. Sidney Shepard for the street rail-

with C. Sidney Shepard for the street railway system of Oswego, operated by the Oswego Traction Company. The deal is important because of its bearing on the fight between the Syracuse Rapid Transit Company and the Lake Side and Baldwins-ville Railway Company for franchise right between Syracuse and Oswego, both companies desiring to build a road between Syracuse and Oswego.

The purchase includes all of the first-mortgage bonds of the Oswego company and all but 10 per cent. of the capital stock and second-mortgage bonds. The company's capital stock amounts to \$300,000, the first-mortgage bonds to \$97,000, and the second-mortgage bonds to \$97,000, and the second-mortgage bonds to \$191,000, outstanding. The company operates eleven and one-haif -miles of railway, including all in Oswego, with lines running out to Beach Oswego and Minetta.

Sledded on Frozen Milk. One of the Borden condensed milk company's wagons overturned in Jersey City yesterday morning when the horses ran away. The milk froze in the gutter and made a good-sized skating pond. Several hours later a number of small boys with sleds enjoyed themselves coasting "belly floppers" on frozen milk.

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